

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5-17, 19, 21-27 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 19 and 24-27 are the independent claims. Claims 19, 21 and 26 are amended. Claims 3-4, 18 and 20 were previously cancelled. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicant's Filing of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Upon review of the enclosed Amendment and discovery of any additional references after further search and/or consideration, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Corey E. Smith, Reg. No. 57,807, to discuss the newly found references and/or possible claim amendments that may place the application in condition for Allowance.

Allowed Claims

Applicant notes with appreciate the Examiner's Allowance of claims 1-2, 5-17, 19 and 21-27. Applicant makes minor clarifying amendments to claims 19, 21 and 26 in this Response. Applicant believes that claims 19 and 26 (and dependent claims 21-23, which depend from claim 19) remain patentable, for at least the reasons the Examiner cited in the February 5, 2010 Notice of Allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

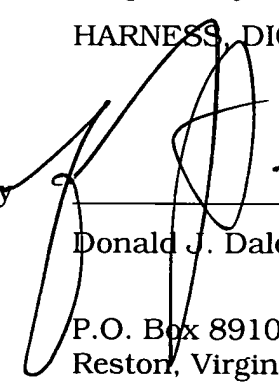
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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